

**RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE  
2009 COMMISSIONER'S CLASSIC SHOW**

**GENERAL RULES**

1. All exhibitors must be permanent residents of Alabama (minimum one year residence required).
2. The Commissioner's Classic Show is open to Alabama youth who pre-entered and registered their animal(s) by the specific entry deadline (postmarked by October 1, 2009 or the late entry date of October 19, 2009) and who qualify under Rule #1.
3. **Age Requirements**
  - A. An exhibitor must be 9 years old **before** January 1, 2010 to show and no older than 21 years of age on the show date.
4. All exhibitors must maintain continuous full ownership, possession and provide primary care for their animal project from specified ownership date until show day.
5. Each exhibitor must show his or her own animal unless the exhibitor has more than one in the same class or permission is given by the chairmen of the show. All substitute show persons must be approved by the show chairmen.
6. All decisions made by the executive committee for each show regarding rules and regulations will be final.
7. All animal projects will be shown at the owner's risk. Each exhibitor must assume liability in case of death or injury to their livestock.
8. Tattoos must be readable and conform to tattoo listed on official entry cards and registration papers. Breeding animals must have the original registration papers to check-in.
9. There will be no reweighs once the steers or commercial heifers leave the scale area. All exhibitors questioning weights should voice concern at the time the animal weight is announced.
10. All first and second place class winning entries must compete for Division Championships were applicable. All Division Champions (or class winners were applicable) must compete for Grand or Reserve Champion. All steer breed champions must compete for Championship competition. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of all prize money and awards for the entry.
11. **No dogs are allowed on the grounds during the show.**
12. **No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the barns.**
13. **No grills/cooking in or directly next to barns.**
14. The pen of three competition must contain entries from the same county. Either three steers or three heifers can be entered but not a combination of steers and heifers. A county may have more than one pen of three.
15. **RULES COMPLIANCE** - Anyone failing to comply with any rules of the Commissioner's Classic Show will forfeit any prize money and trophies and the right to show at future Department of Agriculture and Industries Shows.

**16. Violations: any of the following violations will automatically result in disqualification.**

**PENALTIES:** An exhibitor determined to have violated these rules or whose animal has been found to contain evidence of drugs as described in these rules may be subject to the following penalties at the discretion of the show management.

- a. Forfeiture of prize money;
  - b. Forfeiture of titles, trophies and awards;
  - c. Banned from future Department of Agriculture and Industries Shows.
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- A. Misrepresenting the age of the animal for the class in which it is shown.
  - B. Swapping (exchanging) any animal after it is officially entered (according to entry deadline) as rules apply to that particular show.
  - C. Surgery of any kind performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body or hide other than surgical dehorning.
  - D. Insertion of foreign material under the skin other than registered approved growth implants.
  - E. Interfering with the judge, exhibitors, classifiers, breed committees, grievance committees, weigh committees and other show officials or other conduct detrimental to the show.
  - F. Failure to properly care for animals while at the show grounds. (Proper care includes feeding, bedding, and handling deemed appropriate by show species committee and veterinarian, if needed.)
  - G. Failure to comply with Policy on Drug Use and Testing.

**POLICY ON DRUG USE AND TESTING**

Administration of any drug of any kind or description internally or externally is prohibited, except for treating a recognized disease or injury as prescribed by a licensed veterinarian. The exhibitor shall be the absolute insurer of and shall be responsible for the condition of the animal(s) exhibited. All animals may be subject to random drug testing. If an animal tests positive for a drug not prescribed by a licensed veterinarian, then the exhibitor will forfeit all prize money and can be banned from future Department of Agriculture and Industries shows.

17. **Protests:** Any protests against eligibility or adherence to these rules and regulations must be filed as a written, signed statement with the show chairman accompanied by a \$100.00 cash deposit. If the protest is not sustained by the grievance committee the deposit shall be forfeited to the Jr. Livestock Show. Protests will be accepted from exhibitors only.

**HEIFER RULES**

1. All heifers must be owned by the exhibitor on or before September 1, 2009. An entry form signed by the parent, agent/teacher and the exhibitor must be mailed with the correct entry fees postmarked by October 1, 2009 for the entry to be complete. Entry fees are \$20.00 per head. Late entries will be accepted, postmarked no later than October 19, 2009 with a late entry fee of \$50 per head.

**2. Registration papers on registered heifers must be on-hand for check-in.**

3. Not more than three heifers can be entered by an exhibitor in the entire show.

4. All exhibitors must maintain continuous full ownership, possession and provide primary care for their animal project from the time of entry until show day.

**5. REGISTERED HEIFERS.**

A. The original registration certificate must be presented at the time heifers are checked in the show and tattoos will be checked. Heifers must show in class as entered. Registered heifers without registration certificate will not be allowed to show and will not be moved to commercial class. **Registration certificate must be made out in the exhibitor's name only.** Farm name will **not** be acceptable.

**B. CLASSIFICATION OF REGISTERED HEIFERS**

**All heifers must be born between the ages of August 1, 2008 and May 1, 2009 to be eligible to show.**

**Age classifications will be divided appropriately depending on entries received.**

C. Show officials reserve the right to split large classes into smaller workable classes and to combine smaller classes and/or divisions into larger classes.

D. The first and second place heifers in each age class will compete for Champion and Reserve Champion of the respective breeds.

E. Registered heifers will be shown by breed and breeds with less than five (5) entries will be combined to **Other Breeds** class.

F. Following are specific breed requirements.

1. Simmental – Registered percentage Simmentals and Purebred Simmentals will show together.
2. Limousin – Registered Limousin and percentage Limousin will show together.
3. Registered Appendix Shorthorns and Purebred Shorthorns will show together.

**6. COMMERCIAL HEIFERS**

**A. All commercial heifers must be in the possession of the exhibitor and tattooed by September 1, 2009.**

B. Commercial heifers must be born between August 1, 2008 and May 1, 2009.

C. Commercial heifer classes will be determined by weight. Commercial heifers will be weighed by the Show Committee and there will be no weigh back requirements. There will be no reweighs after a heifer is checked in.

D. Division Champions and Reserves will compete for Commercial Champion and Reserve.

**7. There will be an Overall Supreme Champion, Reserve Supreme Champion, Third Overall, Fourth Overall and Fifth Overall heifer selected at the conclusion of the show.**

**THE SHOW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT HEIFERS BE CALFHOOD VACCINATED FOR BRUCELLOSIS.**

8. Any heifer that breaks loose from the exhibitor three times while in the show ring will be disqualified.

9. Nose rings, tongs and/or leads are prohibited in the show ring.

10. Show order will be determined by show officials after all heifers have been checked in.

### **STEER & MARKET HEIFER RULES**

1. To be eligible for competition in the market show, steers & heifers entered by exhibitors must meet the following requirements:

A. Suggest that calves be born after August 1, 2008.

**B. Must have been owned by exhibitor and have been within the state since October 1, 2009.**

C. All exhibitors must maintain continuous full ownership, possession and provide primary care for their animal project from the time of entry until show day.

**D. ALL STEERS & HEIFERS MUST BE TAGGED/TATTOOED BY OCTOBER 1, 2009.**

An entry form signed by the parent, agent/teacher and the exhibitor must be mailed with the correct entry fees postmarked by October 1, 2009 for the entry to be complete. Entry fees are \$20.00 per head. Late registrations must be postmarked by October 19, 2009 with a late entry fee of \$50 per head.

A. Tag and Tattoo number and description of calf must be listed on entry card.

B. Only calves that have been tagged/tattooed properly described and entered by October 19 will be eligible for the Commissioner's Classic Show.

2. The 2009 Commissioner's Classic Steer Show will be structured so that divisions will be separated into breeds which will further be divided into classes based on weight. The Divisions will be composed of:

A. Crossbred Division. This division will consist of calves of varying percentages of British and continental breeds.

B. Brahman Influence Division. This division will consist of calves of varying percentages of Brahman.

C. Breed Divisions. Any breed with a minimum of five steers after check-in and classification at the Commissioner's Classic will be considered a breed division.

D. All Other Breeds Division. Any breed division with less than five steers will show in the All Other Breeds (AOB) Division.

### **E. Steer Classification Guidelines:**

#### **Continental Breeds:**

Steers must show a predominance of characteristics indicating that the animal is approximately 50% or more of the breed entered. Continental breeds include (but are not limited to) Charolais, Chi-Influenced,

Gelbvieh, Limousin,, Maine-Anjou and Simmental.

**British Breeds:**

- Angus: Must show all the characteristics of the Angus breed; black in color with no white above the underline, or on leg, foot, or tail (white is allowed in front of the navel.) Smooth polled, no scurs.
- Hereford: Hereford steers should exhibit typical Hereford color makings, breed character, and phenotypic expression of frame size, muscle and structure (Freckles, dark eye pigmentation and small ticks will be included.) Horned and Polled Herefords are eligible (horned steers must be dehorned).
- Shorthorn: must show all characteristics of the Shorthorn breed. Color typically should be red, white or red/white roan. No black or blue/white roans allowed.
- Red Angus: Must show all characteristics of the Red Angus breed. Smooth polled, no scurs.

**Brahman Influenced:**

Must show evidence of Brahman (or Brahman derivative) parentage.

**OTHER CRITICAL POINTS:**

- Exhibitors will declare Division/Breed on the state steer show entry form based on the breed characteristics of their steer.
  - At the Commissioner's Classic a committee of three classifiers will view the entry form and if two or more disagree with the breed declared, they will determine the correct division for that entry. Their decision will be final and no appeals will be allowed. Registration papers will not be considered in the classification process of entries.
  - **A Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected in each Division. A Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion will be selected from the Division Champions and Reserve Champions. In addition, a third, fourth, and fifth place overall calf will be selected from Division Champions and Reserve Champions.**
3. Not more than two market animals can be entered by an exhibitor in the Show.
  4. All calves entered in the individual classes must be halter broken and shown at halter. No other forms of restraint, such as nose rings, tongs and/or nose leads are permissible.
  5. **ALL CALVES ENTERED MUST BE DEHORNED.** Any re-growth of horns should be rasped and made presentable for the show.  
\*EXCEPTION\*: Horned Hereford cattle may be exhibited, but must have appropriate horn protection.
  6. **NECK ROPES MUST BE USED FOR TYING CALVES, AND PROVIDED BY EXHIBITOR.**
  7. **CATTLE WILL BE BEDDED ON SHAVINGS IN THE BARN.**
  8. There will be no singeing/burning of the hair on show calves.
  9. All calves must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alteration by modification except for the grooming and treatment of the hair and the trimming of the hooves. No twine may be applied.

10. Any calf that breaks loose from the exhibitor **three** times while in the show ring will be disqualified.
11. All calves must meet the health regulations according to State Department of Agriculture Health Regulations.
12. Market heifers will show separately in a Market Heifer Division. The Champion and Reserve Market Heifers will return to compete with the steers for Overall Market Animal. Market heifers will abide by the same rules as steers, but will not show by breed.